Supply Chain Working Group

Presentation by India and China

Executive Council Meeting
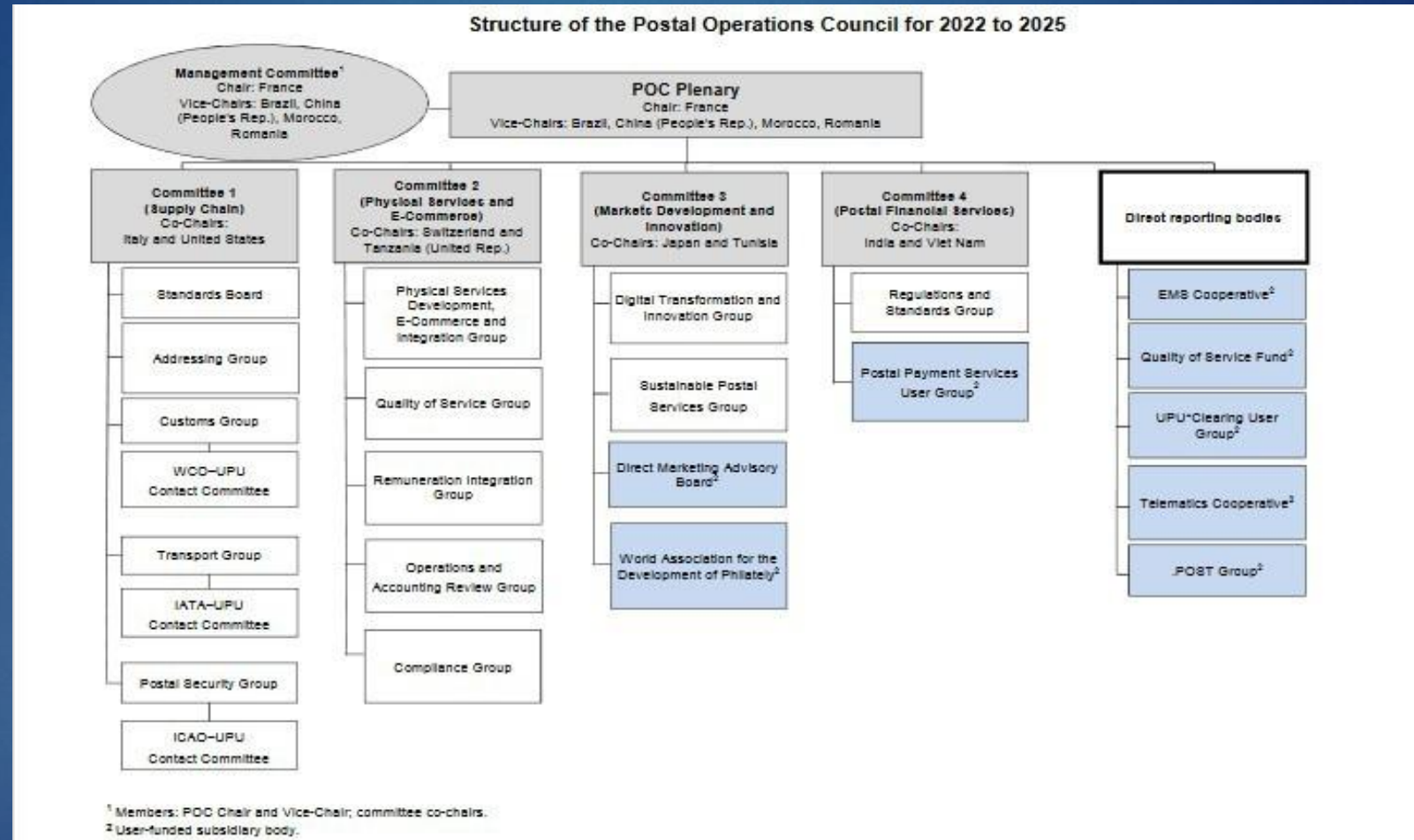**Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**
30 June - 4 July 2025

Agenda

▶ 1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

▶ 2. Scope and methodology

▶ 3. Updates on UPU POC Committee 1 activities (S6 & S7 session)

▶ 4. Trends in the Postal Supply Chain and Air Mail Outlook (Presentation by Mr. Ram Sikaria, India)

▶ 5. PRIME agreements and Quality Results in AP (Presentation by Ms. Cinzia Neri, PRIME)

▶ 6. GMS Updates (Presentation by Ms. Michaela George, USPS)

▶ 7. IPC Cross-Border Shopper Survey (Presentation by Mr. Luke Loyd, IPC)
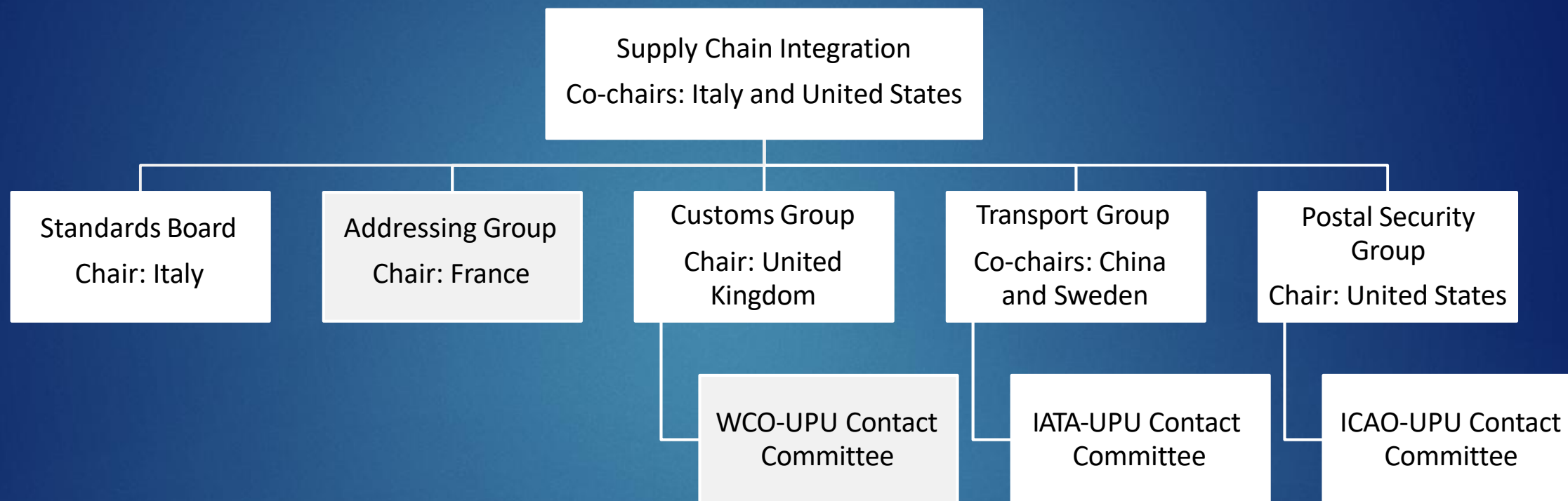
▶ 8. AOB

Scope & Methodology

- Follow UPU Postal Operational Council Committee 1
- Brief important decisions to member countries
- Find best practices & other activities on Supply Chain
- Analyze the future decision impact and,
- Suggest probable solutions

Structure of the POC 2022-2025

Structure of the Postal Operations Council for 2022 to 2025

Management Committee[1]
Chair: France
Vice-Chairs: Brazil, China (People's Rep.), Morocco, Romania

POC Plenary
Chair: France
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Committee 1 (Supply Chain) Co-Chairs: Italy and United States	Committee 2 (Physical Services and E-Commerce) Co-Chairs: Switzerland and Tanzania (United Rep.)	Committee 3 (Markets Development and Innovation) Co-Chairs: Japan and Tunisia	Committee 4 (Postal Financial Services) Co-Chairs: India and Viet Nam	Direct reporting bodies
Standards Board	Physical Services Development, E-Commerce and Integration Group	Digital Transformation and Innovation Group	Regulations and Standards Group	EMS Cooperative[2]
Addressing Group	Quality of Service Group	Sustainable Postal Services Group	Postal Payment Services User Group[2]	Quality of Service Fund[2]
Customs Group	Remuneration Integration Group	Direct Marketing Advisory Board[2]		UPU*Clearing User Group[2]
WCO–UPU Contact Committee	Operations and Accounting Review Group	World Association for the Development of Philately[2]		Telematics Cooperative[2]
Transport Group	Compliance Group			.POST Group[2]
IATA–UPU Contact Committee				
Postal Security Group				
ICAO–UPU Contact Committee				

[1] Members: POC Chair and Vice-Chair; committee co-chairs.
[2] User-funded subsidiary body.

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Structure of the POC Committee 1

Supply Chain Integration

Co-chairs: Italy and United States

- **Standards Board**

  Chair: Italy

- **Addressing Group**

  Chair: France

- **Customs Group**

  Chair: United Kingdom

  - WCO-UPU Contact Committee

- **Transport Group**

  Co-chairs: China and Sweden

  - IATA-UPU Contact Committee

- **Postal Security Group**

  Chair: United States

  - ICAO-UPU Contact Committee

Outcomes related to the Standards Board: progress of standardization activities

- **Key Deliverables**: D3, D5, D6, D7, D10

- **Outcomes**:

  - Two SB meetings and multiple expert sessions in 2024

  - Focus on EDI standards, parcel without signature, and transshipment solutions

  - status 2 to S48 and S51:

    - UPU 4-state variable-length and alphanumeric barcode

    - open interface between a postal sorting system image handler and OCRs or video coding places (VCPs)

  - Closed 6+ legacy work items; introduced new specifications (e.g., S71, S72)

Meeting of February 2025(S7) updates

- Workshops and expert meetings held for deliverable 4.

- Focus on improving code lists and EDI with surface carriers.

- Code List 136 Enhancement: Add sender–recipient relationship for clearer commercial classification

- Proposed new CARDIT/RESDIT-based approach for P40 requirement.

- Discussions on ETOEs and multiple operator designation.

Outcomes related to the Addressing Group:

Key Deliverables: D2.1, D3, D6, D10, D11, D16, D17, D17.1

Outcomes:

- Adoption of UPU Geocode framework and proposed new standard

- Enhancement of POST*CODE and address validation tools

- Simplified S42 templates for address formatting

- Strengthened GIS cooperation (e.g., ECOWAS, UN GGIM, UN Maps)

Meeting of February 2025(S7) updates

- Completion of deliverables D3, D12, D13: UPU Geocode Standard proposal. Supports global harmonization of postal geocoding Formal proposal submitted for Committee approval

- Enhancements to POST*CODE database for addressing quality.

- API compliance indicators improved destination address compliance by 40%.

- Reactivation of Addressing Compendium proposed. Supports data sharing, parsing, compliance

- S42 Standard Upgraded (D10, D10.1). Version 9 includes phone number for delivery ID. Templates expanded, now more cost-efficient

Addressing & GIS Integration Progress

- Strong progress noted on D6, D10, D11, D16, D17 & D17.1 Performance aligned with Abidjan Postal Strategy

- International Cooperation: Active support for ECOWAS digital addressing workshop UPU engaged with UN GGIM, UN Maps, and SALB initiatives

- Proposal for UPU to officially join UN Geospatial Situation Room

- Promoted customs tools: address validation, duty prepayment, etc.

- Capacity-building through regional WCO–UPU workshops.

- Expanded Customs and Prohibitions Compendia.

- Enhanced tools for EAD data compliance and CDS integration.

Meeting of February 2025(S7) updates

- Strong progress on 2022–2025 deliverables (D2–D26) under Abidjan Strategy

- Active cooperation with UN geospatial bodies and SALB programme

- MoU with UNGSC to develop postal mapping platform in progress

- Postal Spatial Data Infrastructure feasibility study led by Uruguay; final report post-Dubai Congress

- GIS tools: open-source resources + Esri MoU for GIS modernization (PGMP)

- 200+ trained via hybrid GIS course; modular training to follow

- Knowledge Centre updates: address.post, POST*CODE API, AI training, costing tools

- Committee to take note, review, and endorse activities and next steps

Outcomes related to Customs Group

- **Key Deliverables**: D4, D10, D10.1, D10.2, D11, D11.3, D11.4

- **Outcomes**:
  - Monitoring of EAD-related global regulations and flows
  - Updates to Customs and Prohibitions Compendia
  - Advanced CDS–ASYCUDA interface projects and SAVE API tools
  - Identified EAD transit/transshipment challenges and proposed solutions

Meeting of February 2025(S7) updates

- Focus on 10 deliverables (D2, D5, D8, D10–D11.3) under Abidjan Plan

- Exceeded 2024 KPIs for workshops & data updates (e.g., 97% EAD with ITMATT)

- Joint WCO–UPU workshops and regional training enhanced capacity-building

- Promoted customer tools: address validation, return solutions, duty prepayment

- Developed EAD compliance tools and interactive customs resources (D10)

- Improved CDS tools: kiosk, API, mobile app for data capture (D11.3)

- Enhanced prohibition info sharing and data quality monitoring (D11.1 & D11.2)

- Committee invited to review and approve report on all listed deliverables

EAD & Global Regulatory Monitoring

- Monitored global regulations affecting mail flow (Deliverables 4 & 4.1).

- Reviewed Kyoto Convention Annex J-2 – no amendments proposed.

- Challenges in transit/transshipment EAD data sharing highlighted.

- ICS2 surface transport requirements monitored and addressed.

WCO–UPU EAD & Data Quality Guidelines

- 2025 edition developed by WCO and UPU.

- Merged 2018 and 2019 guideline documents.

- Approved by WCO–UPU CC and submitted for POC endorsement.

- Publication pending final approval.

Outcomes related to Transport Group

- **Key Deliverables**: D5.4, D8, D10, D11, D11.3, D13, D15, D15.2, D17, D18, D19.2

- **Outcomes**:

  - Regional workshops and webinars on EAD and ICS2

  - Rollout of mobile apps for EAD compliance and surface transport

  - EAD dashboards, CARDIT/RESDIT metrics, and ongoing compliance support

  - Dynamic transport distance tool development

Meeting of February 2025(S7) updates

- Improvements in CARDIT/RESDIT compliance.

- Focus on multimodal transport and regional hubs.

- BACR modernization using new Excel-based tool.

- PLACI protocols developed for maritime and road carriers.

- Challenges remain in surface transport EAD readiness.

Missent & Misrouted Items

- Amendments to Convention Regulations (Articles 17-134 & 17-230)

- Merge into new unified Article 17-0xx

- Option B: Return to origin or forward to destination

- Improves EAD compliance and operational flexibility

Airmail Conveyance Rate

- Montreal Formula based on ICAO 2023 stats

- Proposed 2026 rate: 0.740 SDR/tonne-km

- Options: +5%, +10%, Full increase, or Custom

- IB recommends gradual 10% increase (Option 2)

Outcomes related to Postal Security Group

- **Key Deliverables**: D2, D4, D5, D7, D9, D15

- **Outcomes**:
  - S58/S59 equivalency pilots (Asia-Pacific, Europe)
  - Approved guidance documents as "living documents":
    - Airport Mail Security Manual
    - Counterfeit and Reused Postage Stamp Manual
    - Cash-in-transit Document
    - Road Safety Guidance
    - Toolkit for Detecting Illicit Pharmaceuticals

Meeting of February 2025(S7) updates

- Capacity building, campaigns, and DGST pilot (40 DOs)

- S58/S59 equivalency reviews in APAC and Europe

- Update to cybersecurity deliverables and interim group

- Enhanced collaboration with ICAO, WCO, and others

Outcomes related to EAD Steering Committee

- **Coordination Focus**:
  - Cross-cutting harmonization of EAD flows and standards
  - Enhanced dual-filing support and transit/transshipment mapping
  - Update to UPU EAD Roadmap and GPM model
  - Cooperation with WCO, IATA, ICAO, and UN bodies

Cross-Cutting EAD Coordination (Doc 7)

- EAD Steering Committee coordinates across Customs, Transport, PSG, Standards

- Transit EAD pilots and ICS2 implementation

- Global Postal Model evolution to include transit flows

- Four-category EAD roadmap guiding priorities

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Thank you~